

HAZCOM Program



OVERVIEW

- Brief to the command on the program responsibilities
- Verify HAZCOM containers are labeled
- Verify Material Safety Data Sheets
- Unit is trained in HAZCOM
- Proper storage
- Hazardous materials are disposed
- Describe how spills are cleaned up
- Develop emergency response procedures
- Execute work practice controls and PPE requirements
- Communicate applicable information to affected personnel

Program Elements and Responsibilities

- Identify and list hazardous chemicals in their workplaces
- Obtain MSDSs and labels for each hazardous chemical
- Implement a written HAZCOM program
- Communicate hazard information to employees

HAZMAT Definition

- Any material which because of its quantity, concentration, physical, or infectious characteristics may pose a substantial health hazard to humans and/or the environment when released or spilled



Purpose of the HAZCOM Program

- OSHA requires that all employers provide information to their employees on the hazardous chemicals they are exposed to



HAZCOM Program Requirements

- Provide employees with a list of the hazardous chemicals
(communicate all information to employees)

Exposures

- The combination of factors such as amount, type, toxicity, route of entry, and duration
 - ***Acute Exposure***: short-term exposure of seconds, minutes, or hours (1 work shift or less)
 - ***Chronic Exposure***: long duration or repeated exposures (more than 1 work shift)

Routes of Entry

- Four methods of how a hazardous substance may enter the body
 - ***Inhalation***: breathing of fumes, vapors, mists, gas, or dusts (most common)
 - ***Ingestion***: taken internally by eating or swallowing
 - ***Injection***: accidental injection during a puncture wound or from pressurized fluid
 - ***Absorption***: direct skin contact

Physical Hazards

- Combustibles
- Explosives
- Oxidizers
- Flammables
- Radiation
- Unstable Reactives
- Compressed Gases



Examples of Flammable and Combustible Liquids

- Flammable liquids
 - Isopropyl alcohol
 - Propane
 - Solvents such as acetone, paint thinner
 - Fuels such as gasoline, kerosene
 - Aerosol cans
- Combustible liquids
 - Oil
 - Greases and lubricants
 - Oil based paint



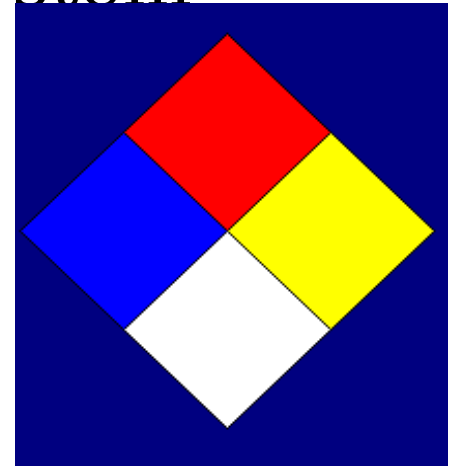
Labels

- Labels shall include the following information
 - Name & address of chemical manufacturer or distributor
 - Identity of hazardous chemicals
 - Appropriate hazard warnings
 - Danger
 - Warning
 - Caution



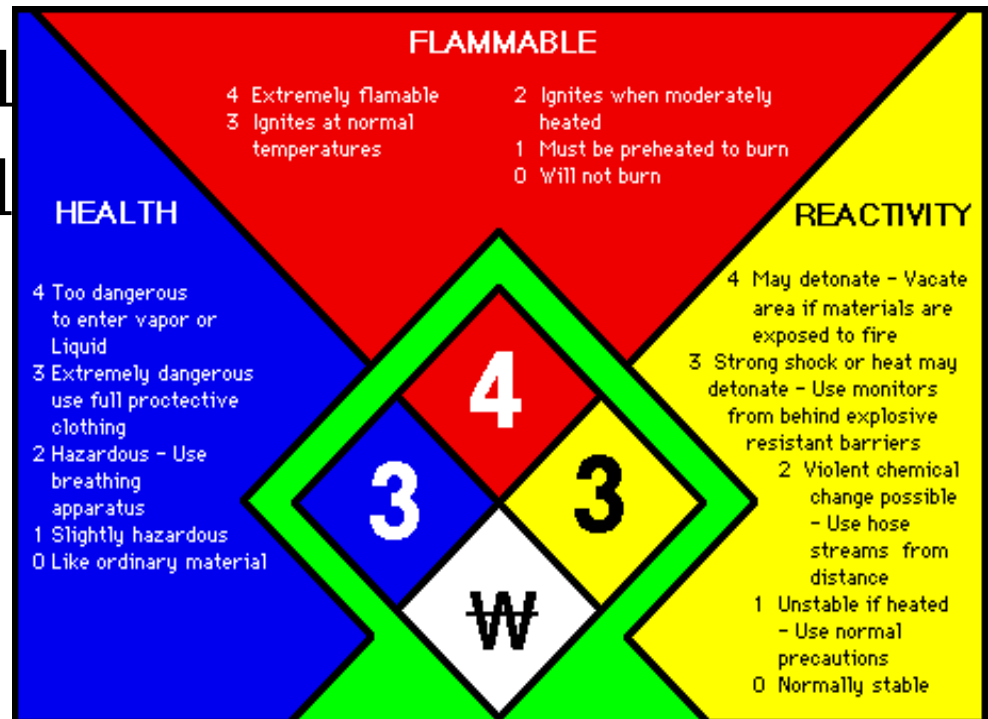
NFPA Labels

- Color coded, numerical rating system
 - Blue = Health
 - Red = Flammability
 - Yellow = Instability
 - White = Special hazard information
- Will be located near main entrances, fire alarm panels, or on outside entrance doors
- Provide at-a-glance hazard information



NFPA Labels cont.

- 4= Deadly Hazard
- 3= Severe Hazard
- 2= Moderate Hazard
- 1= Slight Hazard
- 0= No Hazard



MSDS

MSDS will

provide:

- Company information
- Hazardous ingredients
- Physical data
- Fire and explosion data
- Health hazard data
- Reactivity data
- Spill and leak procedures
- Special protection information
- Special precautions
- PPE requirements

MSDS cont.

- MSDSs can be obtained from:
 - Supply Dept
 - Manufacturer
 - Safety office
- Employers shall provide MSDS

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MSDS cont.

- MSDS
 - Shall be unique to the chemical and manufacturer's name
 - Must be readily available and accessible
 - May be kept in a central location at the primary workplace
 - Can be obtained through the HMRIS

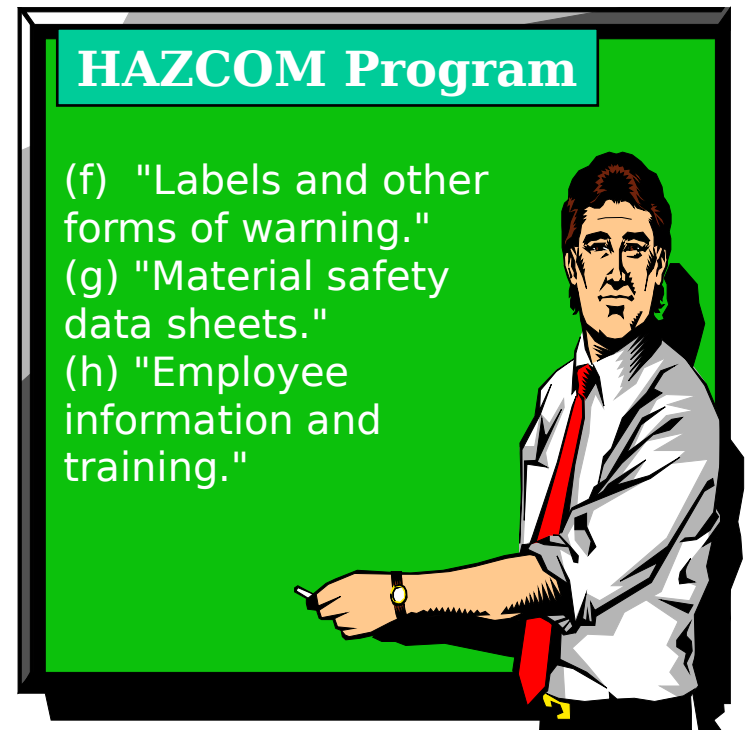


HAZMAT Training

- Involves the procurement, labeling, issuing, storage, handling and use for all HM
- Adequate measures to eliminate or minimize hazardous substances
 - Engineering
 - Administrative
 - PPE

Training

- Required for all personnel who are exposed to hazardous materials in their work area
- Will be conducted
 - At the time of initial assignment
 - Whenever a new hazard is introduced into their work area



Training Will Include

- Explanation of the HAZCOM program
- Hazards of chemicals
- Protective measures
- How to detect the presence or release of a hazardous chemical

Training Will Include cont.

- The HAZCOM standard and its requirements
- Operations in their work areas where hazardous chemicals are present
- Location and availability of the written hazard communications plan

Flammable & Combustible Liquid Storage

- All flammable liquids will be stored in an approved flammable locker
- Combustible liquids will be stored separately from the flammable liquids

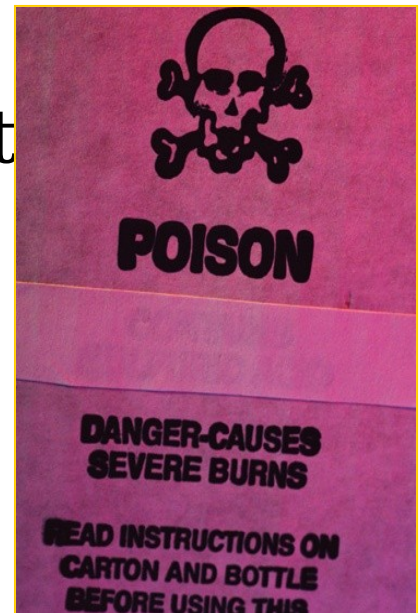


Safe Handling Basics

- Read the manufacturer's label
- Practice good housekeeping
- Clean up spills immediately
- Only use approved metal safety containers
- Use HAZMAT in adequately ventilated areas
- Keep flammable liquids away from ignition sources

HAZMAT First Aid

- Take the following first aid actions for HAZMAT emergencies:
 - Eyes: Flush with water for 15 minutes
 - Skin: Wash with soap and water
 - Inhalation: Move to fresh air
 - Swallowing: Get emergency medical assistance



Supervisor Responsibilities

- Attend HAZMAT training
- Document all training/employees etc..
- Ensure each work center is inspected
- Ensure inventory of all HAZMAT documented
- Report HAZMAT mishaps to unit or higher authority



Supervisor Responsibilities cont.

- Substitute less hazardous materials whenever possible
- Ensure MSDSs are readily available to all users
- Maintain HAZMAT in approved and labeled containers
- Properly dispose of outdated or unwanted HAZMAT in accordance with local instructions

PPE

- PPE must suit the hazard
 - Safety glasses or goggles
 - Protective gloves
 - Protective clothing
 - Respirator or mechanical ventilation



HAZMAT Inventory

- Provide employees with an inventory of chemicals known to be present in the workplace, using an identity that is referenced on the appropriate MSDS



HAZMAT Procurement

- Don't order more than
is needed for the job
 - Prevent excess accumulation
 - Shelf life expiration



References

- NAVMC DIR
5100.8, Chapter 17
- 29 CFR 1910.120
- 29 CFR 1910.1200
- BO 5090.0
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